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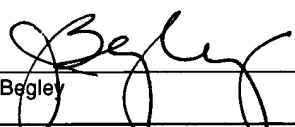
Group Art Unit: 1743

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR AUTOMATIC PIN  
DETECTION IN MICROARRAY SPOTTING INSTRUMENTS

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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action of June 4, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10 of this paper.